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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Bakshi et al.		Art Unit:
Serial No.:	10/788,859	Case No.: 21291Y	1626
Filed:	February 27, 2004		Examiner:
For:	ACYLATED PIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES AS MELANOCORTIN -4 RECEPTOR AGONISTS		Andrew B. Freistein

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

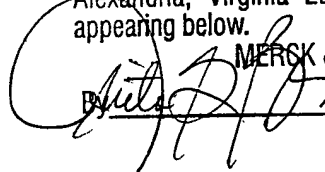
Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 11, 2005, for which an Amendment is due by September 11, 2005. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the accompanying remarks.

Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Please amend the application as follows:

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